

**Carlisle Conservation Commission**  
**April 1, 2010**

Chair Peter Burn called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Clark Room at the Carlisle Town Hall. In addition to Burn, also present were Commissioners Tom Brownrigg, Jen Bush, Debra Kimbrell-Anderson, Tricia Smith (7:50 p.m.) and Diane Troppoli and Conservation Administrator Sylvia Willard. Vice Chair Kelly Guarino was not present.

**Bills, General Agenda Items, New Business:**

**Minutes:**

*Troppoli moved to accept the 2/26/2009 minutes as amended, Brownrigg seconded and all attending voted in favor, with the exception of Kimbrell-Anderson who abstained, as she was not yet a member.*

*Troppoli moved to accept the 10/22/2009 minutes as amended, Brownrigg seconded and all attending voted in favor with the exception of Kimbrell-Anderson abstained, as she was not yet a member.*

*Bush moved to accept the 12/3/2009 minutes, Troppoli seconded and all attending voted in favor, with the exception of Kimbrell-Anderson who abstained, as she was not yet a member.*

**Minutes backlog/hours:** There was a brief discussion with regard to the backlog of meeting minutes, including several sets still outstanding from 2009. It was noted that the twenty percent reduction in hours from February 2009 through August 2009 greatly impacted the administrative assistant's ability to stay current/catch up on minutes. Burn noted that this is a clear indication that the Commission can't get along at the level the staff had been funded at that time.

**Emergency Certificate - 119 Bingham Road:** The Emergency Certificate previously issued to the property owner to allow driveway repair work that was required as a result of recent flooding rains was circulated for signatures.

**New Foss Farm Nesting Boxes:** Brownrigg thanked resident Ed Humm for the great job he did in building and installing four new bluebird nest boxes at Foss Farm, replacing badly deteriorated boxes that were originally installed sometime in the late 1980's.

**7:50 p.m. (DOA-274) Request for Determination**

**Applicant: Carlisle Trails Committee**

**Project Location: Off Virginia Farme Road, Parcel 40, Lot 21**

**Project Description: Installation of a Boardwalk Trail**

Burn opened the hearing for DOA-274 under the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Henry Cox of the Trails Committee presented the Plan for the construction of a boardwalk trail for the purposes of providing a dry crossing for users and for protecting the intermittent stream bed and embankment. The project involves the construction of two Audubon-style boardwalks including a 4' wide by 70' long boardwalk over the streambed and a 4' wide by 110' long boardwalk over the wetland area. *Based on the fact that the description of the work including proposed construction details was found to be acceptable, Smith moved to issue a Negative Determination B2 for DOA-274, Bush seconded and all attending voted in favor.*

**8:00 p.m. (DEP 125-0881) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing**

**Applicant: William O'Brien, Pinnacle Partners**

**Project Location: 142 Bedford Road**

**Project Description: Removal of an existing dwelling and driveway and construction of a proposed dwelling, soil absorption system and associated site work**

Burn reopened the Continued Hearing under the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaws. The hearing was continued to April 29, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the applicant's request.

**Cranberry Bog House Repair:** Warren Lyman of the Land Stewardship Committee was present to provide an update on the status of CPC funding of the Cranberry Bog House repair. The Committee Preservation Committee recently voted to recommend that the request for the full \$165,000 required to undertake the project be brought before Town Meeting on May 10, 2010 as a CPA Historic Preservation project. Lyman noted that the repair work would be subject to the requirements of federal guidelines for preservation of historic buildings, the details of which he is in the process of researching through the non-profit organization Preservation Massachusetts. *Smith moved to support the acquisition of Community Preservation Act funds in the amount of \$165,000 for the repair of the Cranberry Bog House as worded in the Town Warrant, Troppoli seconded and all attending voted in favor.* The Commission thanked the LSC for their excellent work over the last two years in bringing this important project forward.

**8:20 p.m. (DEP 125-0882) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing**

**Applicant: Wilkins Hill Realty, LLC**

**Project Location: Hanover Hill, Lot 14, 40 Gormley Way**

**Project Description: Construction of a portion of the proposed single-family dwelling, construction of a driveway, well, utilities and associated grading**

Burn reopened the Continued Hearing under the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaws. The hearing was continued to April 15, 2010 at 8:15 p.m. at the applicant's request.

**Hanover Hill Crossing Problems:** Contractor John Durkin, Jr. of Onxy Transportation was present to discuss the details of the washout that occurred at the stream crossing on Hanover Road. It was determined that the erosion of the silt and sand used to backfill the abutments of a double, open-bottom box culvert was the result of inadequate backfill material used at the base, further exacerbated by recent flooding rains. Interim measures put in place to prevent further erosion were provided, with a formal Stabilization Plan for work to be completed under the existing project permit to be submitted for the Commission's approval at their April 15, 2010 meeting.

**8:30 p.m. (DEP 125-0878) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing**

**Applicant: Philip Giffey, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc, (NOAH)**

**Project Location: 273 South Street**

**Project Description: Residential community consisting of 26 residential rental units & associated site improvements including drives, parking, stormwater management, on-site septic and water supply**

Burn reopened the Continued Hearing under the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaws. The hearing was continued to April 15, 2010 at 8:30 p.m. at the

applicant's request, at which time the Peer Review being prepared by Nitsch Engineering will be discussed. It was noted that the wetland flagging recently reestablished at the project site was done in accordance with the ORAD issued in 2003, and the Commission agreed that the flagging should be included as part of the peer review in order to confirm that the delineations remain accurate.

**Departures:** It was with mixed emotions that the Commission received the news that Smith will be moving out of town and relocating to central Massachusetts sometime in late summer and Troppoli will be retiring from the Commission when her term ends on June 30 in preparation of the arrival of her second child in September. Burn captured the Commission's reaction to the announcements most appropriately when he said, "Congratulations to both of you, and damn, I'm bummed!"

**Bylaw Fee Revision:** Willard distributed a summary of filing fees currently in use by other towns, with a detailed review and discussion being scheduled for the April 15, 2020 meeting.

**9:50 p.m. Executive Session:** Burn requested a motion to enter an Executive Session without returning to a Regular Session for the purpose of discussing matters that could result in potential litigation. The motion was made by Smith and seconded by Troppoli. Members voted as follows: Smith – yes; Kimbrell-Anderson-yes; Bush-yes; Brownrigg-yes; Troppoli-yes; Burn-yes.

Respectfully submitted,  
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